



A Brief History

California's executive mansion, popularly known as the Governor's Mansion, was built in 1877 for Albert Gallatin, a partner in the Sacramento hardware store of Huntington & Hopkins. Gallatin hired Uriah Reese to build the house. The architect was Nathaniel Goodell.

In 1887, Gallatin sold the house to Joseph Steffens, a local businessman and father of the famous journalist and author, Lincoln Steffens.

The State of California purchased the house from Steffens in 1903 for \$32,500. Victorian architecture was then already somewhat out of style, but the house was suitably impressive, conveniently located, and comfortable. A small wing was added to house the Governor's Office and the home was furnished, bringing the total cost to \$56,000.

Governor George Pardee and his family were the first residents of the "new" Governor's Mansion, which during the next 64 years was home to the families of 12 other governors, including Earl Warren who later became Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Ronald Reagan, who later became president of the United States.

The Mansion is unusual among museums in that it is not a replica nor a restoration. It stands much as it did when vacated by the Reagans in 1967.

"Walk through history" and see the furnishings and personal items left by each family, including Governor Pardee's 1902 Steinway piano, the plum velvet sofa and chairs purchased by Mrs. Hiram Johnson in 1911, hand-tied Persian carpets acquired

by Mrs. Earl Warren in 1943, and the official state china that Mrs. Goodwin Knight selected in the late 1950s.

You will also see marble fireplaces from Italy, gold framed mirrors from France, and exquisitely handcrafted hinges and doorknobs, all of which are reminders of the Victorian era.

In addition to the tour itself, it is also possible to look around the mansion grounds and enjoy the flowers, shrubs, and trees, some of which date back to 1877. A swimming pool, presented as a gift to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr. in 1959 is visible inside the fenced patio.



When You Visit

Please help us preserve the Mansion and its furnishings. . . do not touch the artifacts. No food, beverages, or smoking are allowed on the tour.

You may take a photo but please do not use a flash.

There is a small admission fee for Mansion tours. Organized groups may make tour reservations a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. Tour groups are limited to 25 people.

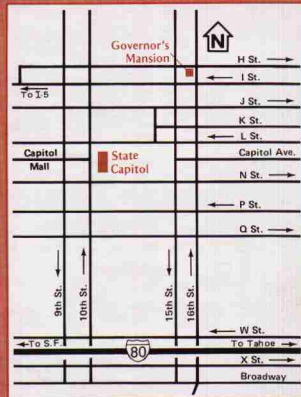
For more information or group tour reservations, write Reservations, Sacramento District, Department of Parks and Recreation, 111 - I (eye) Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; or phone (916) 445-4209.

The Mansion is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, by tour only. Tours start every hour on the hour; the last tour starts at 4 p.m.

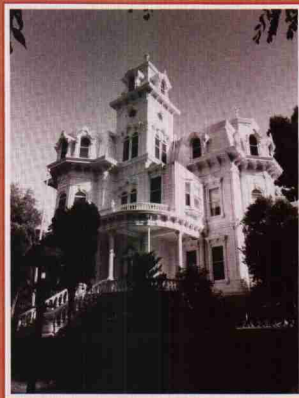
Official Residence

16th and "H" Streets, Sacramento

The Governor's Mansion, built in 1877, has been home to thirteen of California's chief executives and has undergone many alterations to meet their varying needs. It was designated as State Historical Landmark No. 823 in 1968.



GOVERNOR'S MANSION



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Governors who lived at the mansion

GEORGE COOPER PARDEE

21st Governor ... Republican ... Born July 25, 1857 at San Francisco, California ... Term of Office: January 8, 1903 to January 9, 1907 ... Died in Oakland, California, on September 1, 1941.

JAMES NORRIS GILLET

22nd Governor ... Republican ... Born September 20, 1860 at Viroqua, Wisconsin ... Term of Office: January 9, 1907 to January 3, 1911 ... Died in Oakland, California, on April 20, 1937.

HIRAM W. JOHNSON

23rd Governor ... Republican-Progressive ... Born September 2, 1866 at Sacramento, California ... Term of Office: January 4, 1911 to March 15, 1917 ... Died in Maryland on August 6, 1945.

WILLIAM DENNISON STEPHENS

24th Governor ... Republican ... Born December 26, 1859 at Eaton, Ohio ... Term of Office: March 15, 1917 to January 10, 1923 ... Died in Los Angeles, California on April 24, 1944.

FRIEND WILLIAM RICHARDSON

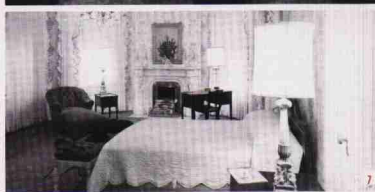
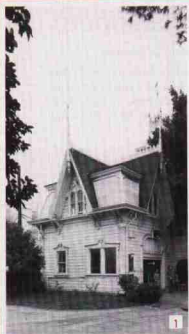
25th Governor ... Republican ... Born December, 1865, at Friends Colony, Michigan ... Term of Office: January 9, 1923 to January 4, 1927 ... Died in Berkeley, California, on September 6, 1943.

CLEMENT CALHOUN YOUNG

26th Governor ... Republican ... Born in Lisbon, New Hampshire, on April 28, 1869 ... Term of Office: January 4, 1927 to January 6, 1931 ... Died in Berkeley, California, on December 24, 1947.

JAMES ROLPH, JR.

27th Governor ... Republican ... Born in San Francisco, California on August 23, 1869 ... Term of Office: January 6, 1931 to June 2, 1934 ... Died in Santa Clara County, California, on June 2, 1934.



FRANK FINLEY MERRIAM

28th Governor ... Republican ... Born December 22, 1865 at Hopkinton, Iowa ... Term of Office: June 2, 1934 to January 2, 1939 ... Died in Long Beach, California, on April 25, 1955.

CULBERT L. OLSON

29th Governor ... Democrat ... Born November 7, 1876 near Fillmore, Utah ... Term of Office: January 2, 1939 to January 4, 1943 ... Died in Los Angeles, California, on April 13, 1962.

EARL WARREN

30th Governor ... Republican ... Born March 19, 1891 in Los Angeles, California ... Term of Office: January 4, 1943 to October 4, 1953 ... Died in Washington, D.C., on July 9, 1974.

GOODWIN J. KNIGHT

31st Governor ... Republican ... Born December 9, 1896 in Provo, Utah ... Term of Office: October 5, 1953 to January 4, 1959 ... Died in Los Angeles, California, on May 27, 1970.

EDMUND G. "PAT" BROWN

32nd Governor ... Democrat ... Born in San Francisco, California, on April 21, 1905 ... Term of Office: January 5, 1959 to January 1, 1967.

RONALD REAGAN

33rd Governor ... Republican ... Born February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois ... Term of Office: January 1, 1967 to January 5, 1975.

1 THE CARRIAGE HOUSE 2 THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE MANSION 3 FRONT PARLOR 4 THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION OCCUPIES ½ ACRE IN THE HEART OF SACRAMENTO 5 THE FORMAL DINING ROOM 6 THIS ROOM WAS LAST USED BY GOVERNOR REAGAN'S SON, SKIPPER 7 THIS WAS MRS. BROWN'S BEDROOM, AND WAS ALSO USED BY THE REAGANS 8 MUSIC ROOM FIREPLACE 9 THE ENTRANCE HALL